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## Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee

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### State Capitol, Room 172

### 8:00 a.m., Thursday and 9:00 a.m. Friday, May 1-2

AGENDA ITEM TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE

Thursday, May 1

- 8:00 a.m.**                    **Call to Order /Roll Call** -- Chairman Klock
- 8:01 a.m.**                    **Clean Coal Technologies** -- Bonnie Turner, executive director  
NextGen Energy Council
1. Technology options for CO<sub>2</sub> reductions from fossil fuel plants
  2. Technology options -- legal/regulatory framework for CO<sub>2</sub> capture and sequestration
  3. Committee Questions
- 9:00 a.m.**                    **ETIC Carbon Sequestration Study**
1. Congressional hearings -- Bonnie Lovelace, DEQ
  2. Update on federal developments -- Tom Richmond, BOG
  3. Overview of other states -- Ms. Nowakowski
  4. Committee discussion and decision making
  5. Public Comment
  6. Committee recommendations & findings or potential for draft legislation
- 12:00 p.m.**                    **Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m.**                    **Telecommunications Panel**
1. **Overview: State of the System**  
Geoff Feiss, Montana Telecommunications Association  
Bonnie Lorang, Montana Independent Telecommunications Systems  
Tom Ebzery, Billings attorney, Qwest Communications  
Rob Ferris, CEO of Vison Net
  2. **Overview: Wireless and Cable**  
Sean O'Donnell, Bresnan Vice President of Operations  
Ernie Peterson, CellurOne Vice President Business Development  
Aimee Grmoljez, attorney/lobbyist for Verizon Wireless
  3. Public Comment
  4. Questions from Committee
- 3:00 p.m.**                    **9-11 Advisory Council/Audit Update**

1. Becky Berger, 9-1-1 Program Manager
2. Questions from Committee

**4:00 p.m.**

**Administrative Updates**

1. Public Service Commission -- Commission Chairman Greg Jergeson

**4:30 p.m.**

**Administrative Matters**

1. Approval of minutes from Jan. 24, 2008
2. Electricity Law Handbook -- Ms. Nowakowski
3. Update on EQC activities and Montana Climate Change Advisory Council -- Ms. Nowakowski
4. Budget update -- Ms. Nowakowski

**5:00 p.m.**

**Recess until Friday, May 2 at 9 a.m.**

**Friday, May 2**

**9:00 a.m.**

**Demand-side Management**

1. NorthWestern Energy -- Bill Thomas, manager of regulatory support services
2. Questions from Committee

**10:00 a.m.**

**USB Draft Legislation -- Mr. Everts**

1. Committee Questions and Discussion
2. Public Comment
3. Committee approval of draft legislation

**10:30 p.m.**

**Rule Review -- Mr. Everts**

**11:00 a.m.**

**Hydrogen Overview**

1. Dr. R. Paul Williamson, Director, Hydrogen and Alternative Energy Research and Development, University of Montana
2. Questions from Committee

**11:30 a.m.**

**Montana Energy Policy**

1. Updates from Sen. Jackson and Rep. Wiseman
2. Committee discussion
3. Committee action

**12:00 p.m.**

**Lunch**

**1:00 p.m.**

**ETIC Public Power Study**

1. Alec Hansen or Mike Kadas, Montana Public Power
2. Clint Taylor, Power Manager for Troy Public Power and Troy Mayor Jim Hammons
3. Questions from Committee

4. Public Comment
5. Directions to staff on study, report, outcomes of study

**2:00 p.m.**

**Pick/Sloan Project Power**

1. Rodger Otstot and Nick Bunting, BOR Great Plains Regional Office
2. Pat Riley, DNRC Irrigation Development Officer
3. Sen. Black -- Water Summit
4. Questions from Committee

**3:00 p.m.**

**ETIC Wind Integration Study**

1. Montana Wind Integration study -- Tom Kaiserski, Program Manager  
EIPD
2. Questions from Committee
3. Public Comment
4. Directions to staff on study, report, outcomes of study

**3:30 p.m.**

**1. Administrative Update**

Tom Kaiserski, Program Manager, EIPD

**2. Administrative Matters**

- a. Meeting timeline -- July meeting date
- b. Committee legislation expectations
- c. Additional directions to staff

**4:00 p.m.**

**Public Comment** on matters within the jurisdiction of the ETIC

**4:30 p.m.**

**Adjourn**

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